

## ALONG THE LINE OF EDUCATION.

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At the meeting of the National S. S. C. E., held in Johnstown, Pa., during the sessions of the late General Conference, a paper, which I had prepared as a memorial from the Meyersdale society, touching the education of young men, and women, for the Christian ministry, was presented, discussed, and referred to a committee. The memorial expresses a conviction which many of us have long felt, and we are most anxious that it receive fair and careful consideration.

To get it before the church allow me to present the following digest of the paper.

1. We recommend the institution of a fund from money gathered by the S. S. C. E., which shall be known as the sustentation fund, to be applied to the education of young men, and women, for the Christian ministry.

2. Said fund shall be held and managed by three trustees, elected by the National S. S. C. E.

3. Applicants for aid shall be examined by a committee of the district conference to which they belong.

4. That this school, or preceptor, shall be approved by the trustees of the fund before the applicant shall receive aid.

5. Persistent irregularity of conduct shall be cause for admonition, or the withdrawal of aid.

6. That until a general school shall be located, and opened for work, in the Brotherhood, the several district conferences shall elect, and induct, a professor or professors, of literature, classics, and theology.

7. Students receiving aid from the fund shall obligate themselves to the trustees of said fund, 1. To pay back the amount loaned without interest. 2. To preach as often as possible in the Home Mission field, or for the weak churches.

8. The churches of the Brotherhood are exhorted to liberality, and requested to take offerings for the fund.

I have, above, only given an idea of what the memorial contains. As stated it is now in the hands of a committee from whom, by and by, we hope for a deliverance. And, while I would not be viewed as attempting to tell this committee what they shall do, as the author of the paper, I would suggest that the National S. S. C. E. proceed to organize their trustees, announce the establishment of the fund,

arrange their rules where rules may be necessary, and prepare memorials to be handed down to the several district conferences relative to the appointment of examining committees, and the election of professors. All this to me seems exceedingly simple, and easy to have accomplished.

In defence of the plan proposed, I wish to say that, when properly analyzed, and expounded it will be found most practicable, and inexpensive. The only outlay suggested (apart from the aid granted students, which will be returned) is the trifling sum that may be necessary for printing and postage.

Another thought in favor of the scheme: Around the several district professors will gather his students. These, under discreet management, may prove the nucleus for successful institutions of learning in the future. It is my earnest hope that the committee may deal fairly and thoroughly with the paper, and recommend the adoption of its proposed plan.

## TRUE MESSAGE.

MRS. EMMA S. REYNOR.

Jesus came into the world with empty hands. He was poor, but he touched men, blessed men, lifted men and gave them what wealth could not buy. He suffered with them and died for them. His doing this demonstrated his divinity. Doing good is a mark of Christ-likeness. The best argument for Christianity is the good it does in the world. There is no ill of life but finds its balm in him. There is no need but he can supply.

Sinner, you are condemned to eternal death. God sends you a message of everlasting life. Will you receive it, rejoice in it, and go out and proclaim it? Death to sin and life to God should not be separated.

Christ not only died to save us from the power of sin, but he lives to save us from the power of sin. He not only redeemed us from sin, but he redeemed us to God, to commune with himself, and companionship with angels.

Acts 10: 35. In every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him.

Our God is no respecter of persons. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all that were possessed of the devil. For God was with him and gave him all the prophets' witness, that through

his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10: 43.

There are thirty-two thousand promises of God in the Bible, let us believe all of them and obey, and heaven and all its blessings will be ours.

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## CHANGED BY GOD.

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It requires the power of God to change the heart of a sinner into a saint. And God's power has changed many very hard and stubborn hearts. Of course he does not use his almighty power to force one to love him, for love is the free exercise of a free agent; but when, in response to the wooings of the Holy Spirit, an obstinate sinner yields his will to God's will, then God's power works a mighty change in his heart and life. A short time ago an infidel in Harrisburg, Penn., became soundly converted. He had been a bold infidel for over thirty years, but one night he gave himself up to the constraints of the Holy Spirit and found life and light. Referring to that great event he says: "Since that night I am making progress slowly on the narrow way to life. I learn to love Jesus more from day to day. I pray for this. O, prayer, prayer, what a blessing it is to me now! What a blessing that I can ask him confidently and simply, like a child asks its father, for all I wish and need, and can tell him all that burdens my soul! What air is to my body, prayer is to my soul now. It is my spiritual hand with which I reach into heaven to get hold of spiritual gifts. I wish, like Paul, that I could consider all earthly goods for nothing, and could get possession of Jesus, and that he might be my greatest and only treasure. With all this I have gloomy hours, but prayer always helps me. Prayer is a help for every need, and for our largest needs only prayer will help."

Nothing but the power of God, as dispensed through the death and sacrifice of Christ, could have changed that man's heart and character. Note what he says: "Not more than ten months ago my soul was filled with bitter hatred against God's word; the mere sight of it disgusted me. I disputed its divine authority and declared it to be a mixture of history and superstition. If it had been in my power I would have swept the Chris-